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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 13, 2007, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry into the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims appear herein starting on page 2.

Remarks in support of the patentability of the claims appear herein beginning on page 5.

A **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION** is submitted herewith to withdraw finality for further examination.

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